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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES - ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS UNDER ARTICLE III,
SECTION 2, PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES

1. COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION HAS SUBMITTED NOMINATIONS OF VASILE FLOREA, DIRECTOR OF ROMANIAN AGENCY FOR ARTISTIC MANAGEMENT (ARIA), AND DAN NEGREANU, ARIA ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT TO U.S. UNDER ARTICLE III (2) OF PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES DURING TWO-WEEK PERIOD JUNE 10-24. DELEGATION WOULD ARRIVE U.S. VIA RO 301 JUNE 10 AND DEPART NEW YBHK VIA RO 302 JUNE 24. PROGRAM WOULD BEGIN JUNE 11.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ARIA IS COUNTERPART ROMANIAN AGENCY FOR DEPARTMENT CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM AND FOR POST-ARRANGED APPEARANCES OF AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS OFF-PREMISES. FLOREA AND PARTICULARLY NEGREANU ARE FREQUENT WORKING ASSOCIATES OF EMBASSY. (NEGREANU, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS COORDINATED APPEARANCES OF ST. PAUL CHAMBER, AMERICAN BRASS QUINTET, AND UP-COMING PHILARTE QUARTET.) IN ADDITION, HE IS IN CHARGE OF ARIA LIAISON REGARDING LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC PROPOSAL.

3. EMBASSY IS RATHER SURPRISED AT THIS NOMINATION SINCE WE HAVE HAD NO ADVANCE NOTICE DESPITE ALMOST DAILY CONTACT WITH NEGREANU OVER PAST WEEK. YET, WE BELIEVE (AND WE ARE SURE DEPARTMENT WILL CONCUR)

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VISIT PROPOSAL REPRESENTS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS

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CU/ARTS PROGRAM AND PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING LAPO TOUR.

4. IN NOMINATING NOTE, COUNCIL PROPOSES WASHINGTON-SAN FRANCISCO-
NEW YORK PROGRAM INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS AT DEPARTMENT AND USIA.
PURPOSE OF TRAVEL IS TO DISCUSS "EXPANSION OF ARTISTIC EXCHANGES"
UNDER PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES AND SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION PROPOSAL FOR
ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN 1976 FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL AND OTHER
BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

5. APPRECIATE USIA ALERT CAO-DESIGNATE TIMS THIS PROPOSED VISIT.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT VERIFY DATES AND ADVISE PRIORITY.
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